



## City of Cottonwood Fire Department



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### “GEAR UP” Program students visit Cottonwood Fire Department

COTTONWOOD, AZ (March 24, 2014) – On Wednesday, March 19, 2014, the Cottonwood Fire Department welcomed 40 “Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduates Program” (“GEAR UP”) 8th grade students from Cottonwood Middle School to the fire station. This program is designed to increase the number of students who are prepared to enter and succeed in post-secondary education.

Fire department personnel conducted a full station tour for our guests. The tour included explaining the usage of equipment carried on our fire engines and allowing the students to put on firefighting protective clothing. The students were also instructed on the proper usage of fire extinguishers and were allowed to operate extinguishers. Students participated in a “make and break” drill in which they extended fire hoses, simulating the actions taken by firefighters at structure fires. Many of the students expressed a desire to join the Fire Explorer program sponsored by Cottonwood Fire Department.

For further information please contact the Cottonwood Fire Department at 928-634-2741